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1. The following military units subordinate to 3 "Balkanska" Infantry Division, with headquarters in Sliven, are all permanently stationed in Yambol:
 - a. The 6 Artillery Regiment, commanded by Major Spas Georgiev, which came to Yambol in February or March 1951;
 - b. The 29 Infantry Regiment;
 - c. An unidentified tank battalion whose barracks are located in the northern part of Yambol, northwest of the barracks of 6 Artillery Regiment and 29 Infantry Regiment, east of the State Hospital, and just north of the Home for the Aged and Disabled; and
 - d. An antiaircraft battalion, whose barracks are located in the northwest part of Yambol, on the banks of the Tundzha River.

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2. In March 1952, the 6 Artillery and the 29 Infantry Regiments moved to their summer encampments in the vicinity of Boyanovo village (N 42-15, E 26-37), Elkhovo okoliya. The headquarters of 6 Artillery Regiment were located north of the village, and those of 29 Infantry Regiment were located south of the village. The Boyanovo quarters consisted for the most part of sun-dried brick constructions, and there were also some tents.
3. On 16 May 1952, one hundred short barreled, iron-wheeled German guns of an unknown caliber and model, were observed in the vicinity of the Boyanovo encampment of 6 Artillery Regiment.
4. The permanent barracks of 6 Artillery Regiment and 29 Infantry Regiment are located on the northern side of Yambol. (For a sketch of this area, see appendix on page 4). In May 1952, while 6 Artillery Regiment and 29 Infantry Regiment were in summer camp, their permanent barracks were occupied by 58 Artillery Regiment and 40 Infantry Regiment. 1 25X1
5. Four buildings belonging to officers' families are located west of the barracks of 6 Artillery Regiment. Two have just been completed and two more are still under construction.
6. On 16 May 1952, the 4 "Reserve" Battalion, subordinate to 6 Artillery Regiment and composed of approximately 200 newly recalled reservists, was formed in the Boyanovo encampment of the regiment and returned the same day to Yambol for a two-month training period, later increased to two and one-half months.
7. The majority of the instructors were Regular Army officers of 6 Artillery Regiment. The reserve officers took special training and wore the insignia of 40 Infantry Regiment. They used the old Bulgarian Army uniforms with the old shoulder strips and boots. The enlisted reservists, who were noncommissioned officers, wore no epaulets.
8. The 4 "Reserve" Battalion, was commanded by Senior First Lieutenant Kirkov. (For a schematic drawing showing the breakdown of 4 "Reserve" Battalion, see appendix on page 5). 25X1
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9. The troops in the heavy mortar company had the following daily schedule:
 - 6:00 a.m.: Reveille.
 - 6:30-8:00 a.m.: Political instruction.
 - 8:00-8:30 a.m.: Breakfast.
 - 8:30-10:30 a.m.: Instruction on the mortar and its parts.
 - 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Instruction in range finding.
 - 11:30-1:00 p.m.: Practice in dismounting and assembling mortars.
 - 1:00-2:00 p.m.: Practice in cleaning and greasing mortars.
 - 2:00-3:00 p.m.: Lunch.
 - 3:00-? p.m.: Various work details.
10. The troops did not fire mortars during their daily training periods, which were spent in a field within the barracks area, nor when they went outside of town twice a week for practice in placing mortars in circular pits approximately 50 centimeters deep and four meters wide. The placing of the mortars had to be completed

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in 20 minutes. All basic instruction was completed in two weeks and, from then on, the troops repeated the same procedures.

11. Each mortar squad, headed by a corporal, included five other members. The corporal, the mortar commander and the marksman were equipped with pistols and the other three squad members, (described as the leader, the deliverer, and the carrier), were issued carbines.
12. Political instruction was given by a sergeant who taught the troops the names of the secretary generals of the Communist Parties of various foreign countries, the names of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, and the names of the cabinet ministers. He also told them the difference between the former Fascist regime and the present regime as well as the "facts" about the Korean war.

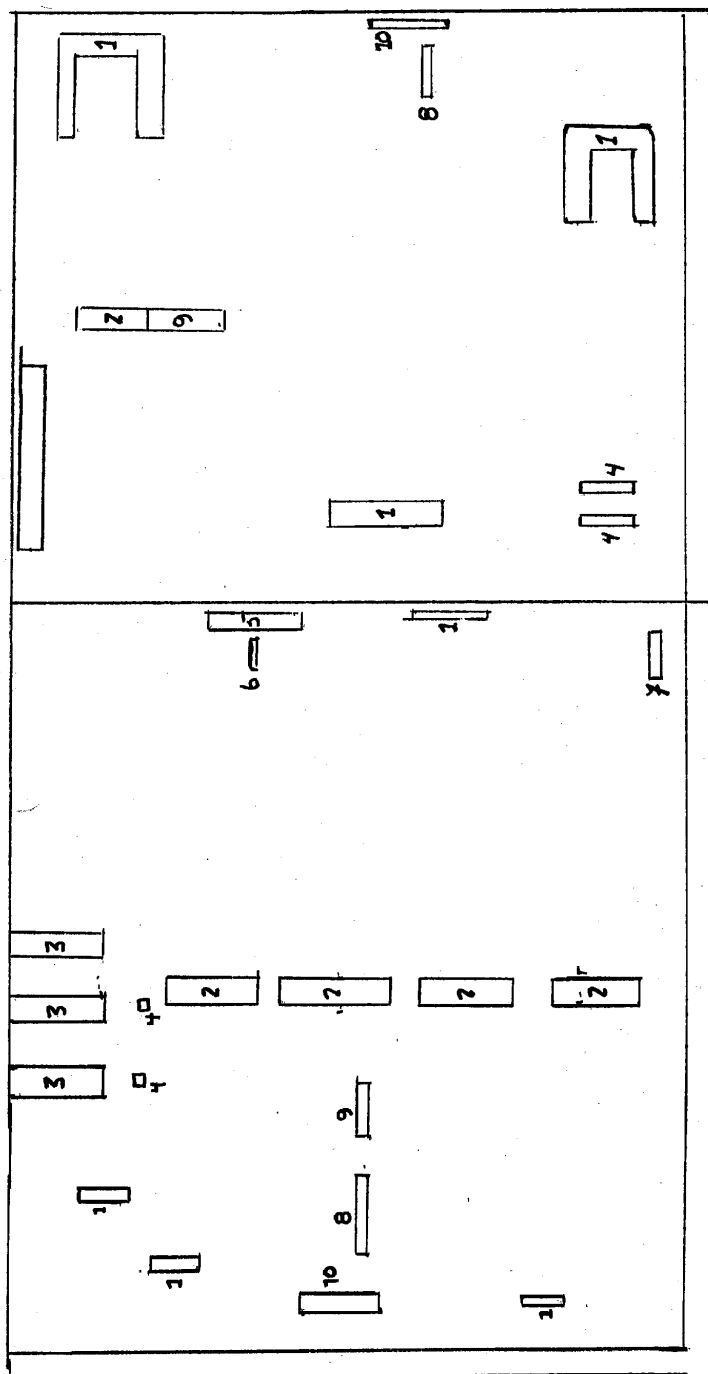
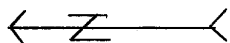
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| 1. Dormitories and Halls | 6. Weapon Repair Shop |
| 2. Stables | 7. Bakery |
| 3. Straw Sheds | 8. Kitchen |
| 4. Ammunition Stores | 9. Workshops |
| 5. Garage | 10. Headquarters |

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BREAKDOWN OF THE 4 "RESERVE" BATTALION
OF THE 6 ARTILLERY REGIMENT YAMBOL

